

Table 52.
Outcomes at all adjudicative levels, by year of application, 1992–2002

Year	Total	Pending final decision	Technical denials ^a	Medical decisions				Award rate ^d (percent)	Allowance rate ^e (percent)
				Denials		Allowances			
				Medical	Subsequent nonmedical ^b	Awards	Subsequent denials ^c		
All disabled beneficiaries									
1999	1,265,055	8,207	104,315	441,001	4,077	705,595	1,860	56.1	61.5
2000	1,364,396	22,403	136,014	446,519	3,853	753,666	1,941	56.2	62.8
2001	1,504,773	83,114	170,323	468,687	3,709	776,982	1,958	54.7	62.3
2002	1,685,182	274,936	229,536	509,650	4,308	664,582	2,170	47.1	56.6
Workers									
1992	1,310,004	0	130,885	481,439	5,725	689,111	2,844	52.6	58.8
1993	1,384,501	0	140,314	540,906	5,626	695,007	2,648	50.2	56.2
1994	1,383,092	0	130,243	573,247	5,506	671,699	2,397	48.6	53.9
1995	1,301,472	0	123,714	542,346	5,049	628,127	2,236	48.3	53.6
1996	1,313,818	6,201	116,943	531,869	5,014	651,675	2,116	49.8	55.0
1997	1,164,680	5,552	106,820	445,222	4,217	601,010	1,859	51.9	57.4
1998	1,138,101	4,838	96,663	418,672	4,215	611,668	2,045	54.0	59.3
1999	1,167,664	8,070	102,291	414,599	4,029	636,887	1,788	54.9	60.5
2000	1,265,214	22,062	133,915	420,806	3,818	682,739	1,874	54.9	61.8
2001	1,408,135	81,967	168,045	442,927	3,664	709,629	1,903	53.5	61.5
2002	1,587,452	270,885	227,018	480,854	4,251	602,321	2,123	45.7	55.6
Widow(ers)									
1999	40,055	84	1,173	9,650	17	29,094	37	72.8	75.2
2000	39,996	188	1,256	8,929	11	29,583	29	74.3	76.9
2001	39,510	642	1,342	8,826	14	28,667	19	73.8	76.5
2002	38,574	2,333	1,510	9,150	19	25,546	16	70.5	73.6
Adult children									
1999	57,336	53	851	16,752	31	39,614	35	69.2	70.3
2000	59,186	153	843	16,784	24	41,344	38	70.0	71.2
2001	57,128	505	936	16,934	31	38,686	36	68.3	69.6
2002	59,156	1,718	1,008	19,646	38	36,715	31	63.9	65.2

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Disability Research file, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Data for the initial and reconsideration levels are current through June 2003. Data for the hearing level or above are current through September 2003.

Because a number of applications remain pending for more recent years, the award and allowance rates will change over time. Cases can be pending at the initial or appellate levels and can include either medical or technical issues.

Data include decisions for Social Security–only applications and applications for both Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI); they do not include SSI-only applications.

Data for 1992–1998 are available for disabled workers only.

- a. Applications were denied for nonmedical reasons; therefore no decision was made on severity of impairment.
- b. Applications were denied for nonmedical reasons after a decision was made that the applicant did not meet the medical severity criteria for disability benefits.
- c. Applications were denied for nonmedical reasons after a decision was made that the applicant met the medical severity criteria for disability benefits.
- d. Rate determined by dividing awards by all applications minus pending claims for that year.
- e. Rate determined by dividing medical allowances by all medical decisions for that year.

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